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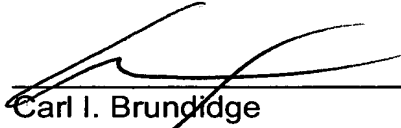
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		An Integrity Check Value Algorithm for Stream Ciphers (pages 40-48).
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